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SUBJECT: EXTRADITION JAMES EARL RAY

THE MAGISTRATE OF BOW STREET COURT MR. FRANK MILTON CONVENED COURT TUESDAY JUNE 18 AT 10:30 AM. THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTION ADVISED THE COURT AT THE OPENING OF THE HEARING THAT HE HAD COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT AS EXTRADITION CHARGES AGAINST SNEYD WERE PENDING THEY TOOK PRECEDENCE OVER THE ENGLISH CHARGES AND THEREFORE REQUESTED THAT SNEYD BE REMANDED IN CUSTODY FOR THE MAXIMUM PERIOD UNTIL THE EXTRADITION HEARING WAS CONCLUDED. THE COURT AGREED. THE MAGISTRATE FORMALLY REMANDED SNEYD ALIAS RAY IN CUSTODY FOR THE MAXIMUM PERIOD. THE MAGISTRATE STATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE EXTRADITON HEARING CONCLUDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND PREFERABLY WITHIN THE PERIOD THAT RAY IS REMANDED IN CUSTODY ON THE ENGLISH CHARGES. THE MAGISTRATE SUGGESTED THE DATE OF THURSDAY, JUNE 27, FOR THE HEARING. BOTH NIGEL GRAHAM MAW, COUNSEL FOR THE U.S., AND DEFENSE COUNSEL, ROGER FRISBY, AGREED TO THIS DATE AND THE MAGISTRATE SO ORDERED THE HEARING TO BE HELD ON THE 27TH OF JUNE.
NIGEL GRAHAM MAW, COUNSEL FOR THE U.S., THEN FORMALLY READ THE CHARGES QUOTE JAMES EARL RAY, HEREINAFTER CALLED THE DEFENDANT, SUSPECTED AND ACCUSED OF THE COMMISSION OF THE CRIME OF MURDER, TO WIT ON 4 APRIL 1968 IN SHELBY COUNTY, STATE OF TENNESSEE, DID UNLAWFULLY, FELONIOUSLY, WILLFULLY, DELIBERATELY, PREMEDITATELY AND OF HIS MALICE AFORETHOUGHT KILL AND MURDER

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MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE USA. RAY, HEREINAFTER CALLED THE DEFENDANT, CONVICTED OF COMMISSION OF THE CRIME OF ROBBERY WITH VIOLENCE TO WIT ON FEBRUARY 19, 1960 WAS SENTENCED FOR THE CRIME OF ROBBERY FIRST DEGREE BY MEANS OF A DANGEROUS AND DEADLY WEAPON WITHIN THE JURSIDICTION OF THE USA UNQUOTE

ROGER FRISEY, DEFENSE COUNSEL, WISHED TO MAKE A STATEMENT WHICH MR. SNEYD ASKED HIM TO MAKE. FRISBY REFERRED TO THE JUNE 10 LONDON TIMES HEADLINES WHICH STATED QUOTE U.S. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT CHIEF INTERVIEWS KING CASE MAN UNQUOTE FRISBY CONTINUED THAT MR. SNEYD STATED THAT HE WAS NOT INTERVIEWED BY MR. VINSON NOR ANY OTHER U.S. OFFICIAL. FRISBY ADVISED THAT COUNSEL WAS AUTHORIZED TO STATE BY CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT THOMAS BUTLER METROPOLITAN POLICE THAT AT NO TIME WAS MR. SNEYD INTERVIEWED BY MR. VINSON OR ANY OTHER AMERICAN OFFICIAL. MR. NAW, COUNSEL FOR U.S., CONFIRMED THIS STATEMENT. HEARING ADJOURNED UNTIL JUNE 27.

IN DISCUSSION WITH MAW PRIOR TO THE HEARING, HE ADVISED EMBASSY OFFICIAL WHO ALSO PRESENT AT HEARING THAT DEFENSE COUNSEL STATED OFF THE RECORD REPEAT OFF THE RECORD THAT HIS ONLY ARGUMENT IN THIS CASE IS ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT IS A POLITICAL EXTRADITION. MAW ALSO ADVISED THAT IN DISCUSSIONS WITH DEFENSE COUNSEL CASE WOULD BE COMPLETED ON 27TH.

IN ADDITION, TWO WARRANTS FOR ARREST WERE ISSUED BY THE COURT ON JUNE 13. COPIES WILL BE FURNISHED DEPT. SOONEST. BRUCE

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